

# Commissioners in action

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**LAKE COUNTY** Lake County Commissioners Bob Aufuldish, Dan Troy and Ray Sines meet at 10 a.m. most Thursdays, with some meetings at 2 p.m. on Tuesdays, in the Commissioners' Chambers on the fourth floor of the Lake County Administration Building, 105 Main St., Painesville.

All meetings are open to the public. Requests to address the government board may be made at any board meeting or presented to the Commissioners' Office by calling Amy Elasz at (440) 350-2753.

The next meeting will be Thursday, May 26 at 10 a.m.

At the May 12 meeting, the following legislation was adopted:

## RESOLUTIONS: ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT

- Resolution authorizing advertising for bids for the Lake County pavement markings for the year 2011 with a bid opening date of June 1.

The engineer's estimate is \$100,000 to \$120,000.

- Resolution authorizing execution of a professional services agreement between the Lake County Board of Commissioners and T.K. Engineering & Design Group for the replacement of the storm drainage system along Overlook Road in Painesville Township.

The hourly rates established are principal engineer, \$100; engineer, \$85; technician/clerical, \$45; chief surveyor, \$85; and two-man survey crew, \$115.

## UTILITIES

### DEPARTMENT

- Resolution authorizing advertising for bids for chemicals for the Lake County Department of Utilities with a bid opening date of June 1.

The chemicals required are activated carbon, coagulant (alum/poly), ferrous chloride, hydrofluosilicic acid, liquid chlorine, potassium permanganate, sodium bisulfite, sodium hypochlorite and zinc orthophosphate.

- Resolution by the county of Lake, authorizing its participation and ratifying its prior participation with the Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, in the Glyco II Lift Station Improvement No. 324S and authorizing its sanitary engineer to act for and on behalf of the county of Lake in executing, accepting or otherwise approving all documents, agreements, instruments, or other necessary papers, required by the Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers for participation in the implementation of the project.

The lift station project

will be 75 percent funded by a federal grant. Sanitary sewer operating fees will cover the remaining cost.

"This is a sanitary sewer improvement for the village of Fairport Harbor," Commissioner Dan Troy said.

Board President Ray Sines added that there was a recent meeting with the county sanitary engineers and Fairport Harbor administration concerning the flooding issues and this was one of the topics of discussion.

- Resolution increasing appropriations for Red Creek Sewer Project 280S easements and land acquisition.

- Resolution authorizing the temporary and seasonal employment of laborers for the Lake County Department of Utilities, effective May 23, and ending Oct. 28.

The following were hired: Benjamin Hommel of Concord Township at \$9.35 per hour; Rachel Ice of Mentor at \$9.35 per hour; Michael Mospens of Mentor at \$9.66 per hour and Randi Oberstar of Concord Township at \$9.08.

- Resolution certifying unpaid sewer and water sums to the Lake County Auditor.

- Resolution approving change order nos. 5, 6 and 7 with Hallmark Excavating, Inc. for Lake Road Water Improvement Project No. 319-W, in Madison Township, for the Lake County Department of Utilities, decreasing the total contract amount by \$52,060.75.

Change order 5 is an increase of \$12,807.88 for installation of temporary cold patch for a 12-inch storm sewer. Change order 6 reduces line items by \$69,364.63. Change order 7 was an increase of \$4,496 for two-inch copper blow-offs.

## JOB AND FAMILY

### SERVICES DEPARTMENT

- Resolution approving Lake County Department of Job and Family Services vouchers date of warrant May 23, in the amount of \$398,115.76.

The breakdown of charges is Public Assistance, \$114,379.71; Workforce Investment, \$99,811.21; Child Support Enforcement, \$4578.47; and Child Welfare, \$183,346.37.

## COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

- Resolution approving a revenue sharing agreement by and between Lake County, Lorain County, Ashtabula County, and the Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority for the Lake Erie Energy Development Corporation (LEEDCo) Initial Project.

The LEEDCo project will involve constructing numerous wind turbines in Lake Erie. The first step will be the

construction of five General Electric, four-megawatt direct-drive turbines.

The turbines will be built out on Lake Erie about seven to 10 miles northwest of Cleveland. ODNR, which grants land leases on the lake, selected the site believing it would be good for producing wind power.

"This will be the first freshwater, offshore wind turbine installation in the United States," Commissioner Bob Aufuldish said. "It will be the first off-shore wind installation designed to withstand sufficient icing conditions. It will be the first offshore wind project to pursue the regulatory process in the Great Lakes region; the first U.S. installation of steel and concrete gravity-based foundation; and the first installation of the General Electric direct-drive offshore wind turbines."

The foundations are to be constructed in 2012 with completion in 2013. Of the estimated \$55,000 in revenue to be generated by this initial phase, 50 percent will go to ODNR. Of the remaining \$27,500, 40 percent will go to the Cleveland Port Authority, and 20 percent each (\$5,500) will go to Lorain, Ashtabula and Lake counties.

Troy noted the county has not committed any funds for the construction of the wind turbines, so it is not financially obligated in any way. The commissioners have merely agreed to the revenue-sharing agreement for the first five wind turbines being constructed.

Sines said he is concerned with the agreement with LEEDCo even though the board's legal counsel said there were no financial obligations. He is not certain this project will even go forward so he voted no on the resolution.

## FINANCE DEPARTMENT

- Resolution approving payment of bills as listed on the commissioners' approval journal in the amount of \$847,059.59.

- Resolution approving purchase orders as listed on the commissioners' purchase order approval journal in the amount of \$483,627.48.

- Resolution increasing appropriations for various general and non general fund accounts.

- Resolution transferring cash and appropriations within various general and non general fund accounts.

## SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

- Resolution commending Dylan McFarland on attaining the rank of Eagle Scout awarded by the National Boy Scouts of America.

- Resolution commending Curtis Franks on attaining the rank of Eagle Scout awarded by the National Boy Scouts of America.